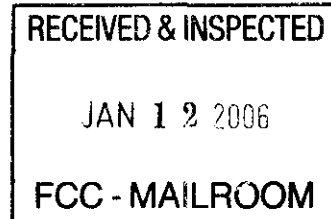


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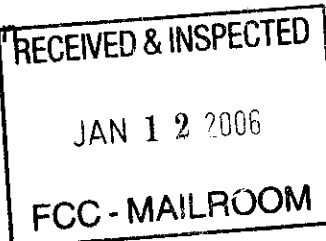


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Billed Entity Number **151067**

Signature Mary E. Troxel Date **1-12-06**

Printed name of authorized person **Mary E. Troxel**

Thanks! *-Mary E. Troxel*

Mary E. Troxel

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Re: Letter of Agency For Funding Year 2005 - 2006

This is to confirm our participation in the State of Minnesota E-rate Consortium for the procurement of Telecom Services. I hereby authorize State of Minnesota to submit FCC Form 470, FCC Form 471, and other E-rate forms to the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company on behalf of the Mounds View School District 621.

I understand that, in submitting these forms on our behalf, you are making certifications for Mounds View School District 621. By signing this Letter of Agency, I make the following certifications:

(a) I certify that schools in our district are all schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 7801(18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.

(b) I certify that our school district has/have secured access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity, necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that to the extent that the Billed Entity is passing through the non-discounted charges for the services requested under this Letter of Agency, that the entities I represent have secured access to all of the resources to pay the discounted charges for eligible services from funds to which access has been secured in the current funding year.

(c) I certify that our school district is/are covered by technology plans that are written, that cover all 12 months of the funding year, and that have been or will be approved by a state or other authorized body, and an SLD-certified technology plan approver, prior to the commencement of service. The plans were written at the following level(s):

- ☐ Individual technology plan for using the services requested in this application; and/or
- ☐ Higher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application; or
- ☐ No technology plan needed; applying for basic local, cellular, PCS, and/or long distance telephone service and/or voice mail only.

(d) I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.500(k).

(e) I certify that our school district has complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. I acknowledge that failure to comply with program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

(f) I acknowledge that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service, receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.

(g) I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts, and that if audited, I will make such records available to the Administrator. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.

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(h) I certify that I am authorized to order telecommunications and other supported services for the eligible entity covered by this Letter of Agency. I certify that I am authorized to make this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) covered by this Letter of Agency, that I have examined this Letter, that all of the information on this Letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entities that will be receiving discounted services under this Letter pursuant to this application have complied with the terms, conditions and purposes of the program, that no kickbacks were paid to anyone and that false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.

(i) I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program. I will institute reasonable measures to be informed, and will notify USAC should I be informed or become aware that I or any of the entities, or any person associated in any way with my entity and/or the entities, is convicted of a criminal violation or held civilly liable for acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism.

(j) I certify, on behalf of the entities covered by this Letter of Agency, that any funding requests for internal connections services, except basic maintenance services, applied for in the resulting FCC Form 471 application are not in violation of the Commission requirement that eligible entities are not eligible for such support more than twice every five funding years beginning with Funding Year 2005 as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.506(c).

(k) I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the non-discount portion of the costs for eligible services will not be paid by the service provider. I acknowledge that the provision, by the provider of a supported service, of free services or products unrelated to the supported service or product constitutes a rebate of some or all of the cost of the supported services.

(l) I certify that I am authorized to sign this Letter of Agency and, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all information provided to State of Minnesota for E-rate submission is true.

Mounds View School District 621
Sheri Colmark
January 12, 2005
Telecommunication Network Specialist





Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

January 04, 2006

Mary E. Troxel
State of Minnesota - Department of Administration
658 Cedar Street
St Paul, MN 55155-1603

Re: Applicant Name: STATE OF MINN ADMIN TELCOM
Billed Entity Number: 151067
Form 471 Application Number: 461004
Funding Request Number(s): 1266682
Your Correspondence Dated: August 09, 2005

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2005 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1266682
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- On appeal, you seek reversal of the SLD's decision to deny the funding request because you failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium. You state that on March 8, 2005, you faxed 84 pages of Letters of Agency (LOAs) to the PIA for 36 schools and libraries. Furthermore, you state that all of the consortium members used the sample LOA that is recommended by the SLD. You included a copy of the specific LOA in question.
- Upon review of your appeal, the relevant facts and supporting documentation, the SLD determined that the LOA you provided for Mounds View Public Schools on March 8, 2005, during the Consortium Review of your Form 471 application did

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not include the signature of the member. On the PIA request of March 7, 2005, you were informed that the LOA must contain the dated signature and title of the authorized person at member end. Hence, the LOA for the entity was deemed unacceptable, and the funding request for this entity was denied. On appeal, you included another copy of the unsigned LOA. You did not provide any evidence on appeal that indicates that a signed LOA was on file with the consortium at the time the Form 471 was submitted, consequently your appeal is denied.

- During the Program Integrity Assurance review of your Form 471 application you were asked to provide evidence of your authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, all the members included in the consortium. SLD denied your application because you failed to provide proof of your authorization to represent all entities for which services were sought and/or proof of their membership in the consortium. In your appeal, you did not show that the SLD's determination was incorrect. Consequently, your appeal is denied.
- You failed to provide evidence of your authority to file FCC Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of, the membership of all the members included in this consortium. FCC rules require that the Form 471 shall be signed by the person authorized to order telecommunications and other supported services for the eligible schools or libraries or the consortium. The Form 471 shall include that person's various certifications under oath, submitted on behalf of eligible entities applying for discounts. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504 (c)(1). During the course of the application review, the SLD may seek documentation to confirm the consortium leader's authorization to represent all entities in the application, proof of each entity's membership in the consortium and their knowledge of filing of the applicable Form (s) 471 on their behalf. See Instructions for Completing the Schools and Libraries Universal Service, Services Ordered and Certification Form (FCC Form 471), OMB 3060-0806 (October 2002) at Item 33.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.*

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Billed Entity Number: 151067
Form 471 Application Number: 461004
Form 486 Application Number:



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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006)

August 3, 2005

Mary E. Troxel
STATE OF MINN ADMIN TELCOM
658 CEDAR ST
ST PAUL, MN 55155-1603

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 461004
Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006
Billed Entity Number: 151067
Billed Entity FCC RN: 001184924
Applicant's Form Identifier: 8020-471

Thank you for your Funding Year 2005 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. Here is the current status of the funding request(s) featured in the Funding Commitment Report at the end of this letter.

- The amount, \$4,973.87 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Funding Commitment Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations.

The Important Reminders and Deadlines immediately preceding this letter are provided to assist you throughout the application process.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA Requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice the SLD using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed report includes a list of the Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) after you file your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,

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- Applicant BEN and service provider SPIN,
 - Form 471 Application Number as assigned by the SLD,
 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2005," AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
 4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by the SLD's decision.
 5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on our web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. Click "Continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topics Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to the SLD on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
 Schools and Libraries Division
 Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
 80 South Jefferson Road
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While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use either the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our web site. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. The SLD may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by the SLD, the applicant, or the service provider. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

Schools and Libraries Division
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A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

A report for each E-rate funding request from your application is attached to this letter. We are providing the following definitions for the items in that report.

FORM 471 APPLICATION NUMBER: The unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 application by the SLD.

FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN): A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual funding requests submitted on a Form 471.

FUNDING STATUS: Each FRN will have one of the following definitions:

1. An FRN that is "Funded" is approved at the level that the SLD determined is appropriate for this FRN. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds were committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules, or because the total amount of funding available for this Funding Year was insufficient to fund all requests.
3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned to an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for Internal Connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both Telecommunications Services and Internal Connections, you might receive a letter with funding commitments for your Telecommunications Services funding requests and a message that your Internal Connection requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive one or more subsequent letters regarding the funding decision on your Internal Connections requests.

CATEGORY OF SERVICE: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on your Form 471.

FORM 470 APPLICATION NUMBER: The Form 470 Application Number associated with this FRN from Block 5, Item 12 of the Form 471.

SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support mechanisms. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.

SERVICE PROVIDER NAME: The legal name of the service provider.

CONTRACT NUMBER: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on your Form 471.

BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER: The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on your Form 471.

SERVICE START DATE: The Service Start Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 19 of your Form 471.

CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE: The Contract Expiration Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 20b of your Form 471. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on your Form 471.

SITE IDENTIFIER: The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a. This will be present only for "site specific" FRNs.

NUMBER OF MONTHS RECURRING SERVICE PROVIDED IN FUNDING YEAR: The number of months of service that has been approved in the funding year. This will be present only for recurring services.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE RECURRING CHARGES: Eligible monthly pre-discount amount approved for recurring charges multiplied by number of months of recurring service approved for the funding year.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE NON-RECURRING CHARGES: Annual eligible non-recurring charges approved for the funding year.

PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT: Amount in Form 471, Block 5, Item 23I, as determined through the application review process.

DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD: The discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION: This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse your service provider for the approved discounts for this service for this funding year. It is important that you and your service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry provides an explanation of the amount in the "Funding Commitment Decision."

FCDL DATE: The date of this Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL).

WAVE NUMBER: The wave number assigned to FCDLs issued on this date.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS & DEADLINES

Billed Entity Number : 151067
Name of Billed Entity: STATE OF MINN ADMIN TELCOM

The following information is provided to assist you throughout the application process. We recommend that you keep it in an easily accessible location and that you share it with the appropriate members of your organization.

FCC REGISTRATION NUMBERS (FCC RNs) - Effective November 1, 2004, the FCC's Fifth Order (FCC 04-190 released August 13, 2004) requires E-rate program participants to have FCC Registration Numbers. Please continue to review our web site for additional guidance.

FORM 486 DEADLINE - The Form 486 must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the Service Start Date you report on the Form 486 or no later than 120 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter, whichever is later. If you are required to have a Technology Plan, that plan must cover all 12 months of the funding year. You must indicate the name of the SLD-Certified Technology Plan Approver (TPA) prior to the commencement of discounted services for this funding year. You must indicate the name of the SLD-Certified TPA who approved your plan in your Form 486, and you must retain your approval letter and documentation of your monitoring of the progress toward your stated goals.

CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) - Please review the CIPA guidance in the Form 486 Instructions, Section II, "IMPACT OF CIPA REQUIREMENTS ON FORM 486."

INVOICE DEADLINE - Invoices must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service - including extensions - or 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. Invoices should not be submitted until the invoiced products and services are being delivered and billed, and (for BEAR Forms) the provider has been paid.

OBLIGATION TO PAY NON-DISCOUNT PORTION - Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products and/or services. Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion. The FCC has stated that requiring applicants to pay their share ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. FCC 04-190 concluded that a presumptively reasonable timeframe for a beneficiary to pay its non-discount share is 90 days after the completion of services. If you are using a trade-in as part of your non-discount portion, please refer to the web site for more information.

DOCUMENTATION RETENTION - FCC rules require that documents demonstrating compliance with the statute and Commission rules must be retained for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. See "Document Retention Requirements" in FCC 04-190 for a descriptive list of many of the documents you must retain.

SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT - Persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program.

FREE SERVICES ADVISORY - Applicants and service providers are prohibited from using the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism to subsidize the procurement of ineligible or unrequested products and services, or from participating in arrangements that have the effect of providing a discount level to applicants greater than that to which applicants are entitled.

Complete program information - including more information on these reminders - is posted to the SLD section of the USAC web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. You may also contact the SLD Client Service Bureau by e-mail using the "Submit a Question" link on the web site, by fax at 1-888-276-8736 or by phone at 1-888-203-8100.

* (Moundsview)

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: STATE OF MINN ADMIN TELCOM
BEN: 151067
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 461004
Funding Request Number: 1266682
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 230660000
SPIN: 143005231
Service Provider Name: Qwest Corporation
Contract Number: 430408
Billing Account Number: 651-296-6013
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Site Identifier: 133564
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$11,304.24
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$11,304.24
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Unauth. Consortium Members
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium.

FCDL Date: 08/03/2005
Wave Number: 006

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

August 10, 2005

Mary E. Troxel
State of Minnesota - Department of Administration
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Mary E. Troxel:

The Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company has received your correspondence dated August 9, 2005 on August 9, 2005, regarding the 2005-2006 funding decision on your 471 application 461004. These are the steps that will now follow:

1. We will review your correspondence carefully to identify the specific issue(s) it raises.
2. We will consult the program integrity assurance records and all supporting documentation for the application. Our goal is to determine whether the program rules were administered appropriately in processing your application.
3. Once the review process is completed we will respond in writing and state whether your appeal is approved, denied or approved in part. We will then follow with a funding commitment decision letter for any approved appeal resulting in additional discounts for your application. Funds have been set aside to implement funding decisions for appeals approved by the SLD and/or the Federal Communications Commission.

We have begun an in-depth review of the appeals we have received, and our goal is to respond to you as promptly as possible. We thank you in advance for your patience as we handle your case with the care and attention it deserves.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Mary Troxel

From: Mary Troxel
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2005 7:42 AM
To: 'appeals@sl.universalservice.org'
Subject: E-RATE APPEAL for Moundsview #461004

Importance: High



8-9-05

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Good morning. This letter is being sent to appeal SLD's denial response to the following 2005 Funding Commitment Decision Letter, dated 8-3-05:

<u>Form 471 Application #</u> <u>denied</u>	<u>FRN #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
461004 (Moundsview #621) 4,973.87	1265623 (Qwest) SPIN #143005231	\$

Our Billed Entity # is **151067** and our Billed Entity Name is **Telecommunications Division, Dept of Admin, State of MN** on this application. The FCDL decision says "Consortium leader has failed to provide evidence of authority to file Forms 471 on behalf of, or evidence of the membership of, a substantial number of the members included in this consortium".

I have no idea what would substantiate this explanation? On 3-8-05 I faxed 84 pages of Letter of Agencies for approx. 36 (school and library) consortium members to my PIA agent Douglas May. All these members even used the sample LOA SLD recommends!

Using FAX #973-599-6542, I have just faxed you a copy of this particular LOA in question.

Thanks! ~*Mary E. Troxel*
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